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Security Officer, CIA

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Executive Assistant, SI

Development of Research in Connection with Project Artichoke

1. [redacted] of the [redacted] is carrying out research along the lines of Project Artichoke under contract with [redacted]

2. [redacted] has come up a number of times; first in connection with the [redacted] case; next as a result of inquiries from [redacted] and later he was mentioned by [redacted] during [redacted] recent visit to the U. S.

3. On 19 November [redacted] contacted [redacted] of OSI stating that he would be in Washington during the day and would like to talk to someone about this matter. He further stated that he would be contacting people in the [redacted] and the [redacted] and would like to cover CIA also.

4. [redacted] advised [redacted] to arrange for [redacted] to see [redacted] at 11:00 a.m. [redacted] then alerted [redacted] for Project Artichoke and [redacted] Alternate Liaison Officer.

5. During the meeting with [redacted] it developed that he is doing advanced research and experimentation on [redacted] on certain types of drugs particularly Ergot and Lysergic Acid groups. He outlined his program and stated that he thought it was of great importance to national security, but so far he had been unable to determine any specific interest in the Government on it other than in the [redacted]

6. [redacted] advised [redacted] that we would be interested in any matter of importance to national security and would like to be advised of any significant discoveries he may have made. We feel that the best way of accomplishing this is by coordinating our actions with the [redacted] and will get in touch with them in order that we may explore the matter further. [redacted] requested to keep in confidence his conversations with [redacted] and wait until he heard from us, probably through the [redacted]

7. It is requested that I be authorized to make contact with the [redacted] through [redacted] and the [redacted]. [redacted] has an excellent reputation in Medical circles. While some of the activities noted above may be considered as indiscreet on his part they are believed to be more inspired by a deep concern about the subject and a wish to get something started. Obviously he has had no security instructions from the [redacted] and appeared to be most receptive to any suggestions I gave him. It will not be necessary to brief him on Project Artichoke or to indicate that there is any activity of this nature going on under CIA sponsorship. He can be used to carry on research along the same lines he is now following and to develop competent assistants who may be prepared for ultimate use in CIA.

8. There is some urgency in this matter since [redacted] is arranging for the contact in the [redacted] for us and [redacted] will return to Washington this weekend when he will be available for further conversations.

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OSI/[redacted]

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Security Officer, CIA Date

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